(SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) In the last three oil years 1984-85 to 1986-87, the estimated production of edible oils was 103 lakh tonnes and imports were 40.44 lakh tonnes (Prov.). These quantities were available for consumption.

(b) The gap between the demand for and supply of edible oil in the country continues.

(c) The main reasons for the shortfall are (i) lower production of oilseeds during the last two years and (ii) way-ward behaviour of monsoon.

**Vacant posts in Steel Plants under SAIL**

2084. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in different steel plants under the SAIL, plant-wise; and since when these posts are lying vacant; and

(b) by when these posts are likely to be filled up and steps taken to fill up all the vacant posts, if any, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Manpower studies in different steel plants indicates that there is surplus manpower in different areas of the steel plants. These studies are still continuing in SAIL. In these circumstances, there are no vacancies in the steel plants on an overall basis. However, whenever vacancies due to turnover or new requirements occur from time to time, these are filled up generally by promotion or redeployment, and recourse to outside recruitment is taken only for filling up key posts which cannot be manned from within.

**Elections to Panchayat Bodies**

2085. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the names of the States where elections to Panchayats were held at regular intervals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): Names of States/UTs where elections to Panchayats were held on dates between 1983 and 1987 are as under:

(1) Assam
(2)) Gujarat
(3) Haryana
(4) Himachal Pradesh
(5) Karnataka
(6) Madhya Pradesh
(7) Maharashtra
(8) Orissa
(9) Manipur
(10) Punjab
(11) Sikkim
(12) Tripura
(13) Tamil Nadu
(14) West Bengal
(15) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
(16) Arunachal Pradesh
(17) Chandigarh
(18) Dadra & Nagar Haveli
(19) Delhi
(20) Goa, Daman & Diu

**Clearance of Schemes under ARWSP**

2086. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is State-wise number of schemes received by Government under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) from 1st April, 1987 to 31st October, 1987;

(b) State-wise number of the schemes cleared by Government;

(c) the cost of the schemes, State-wise; and

(d) amount released by Government so far with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (d) A statement is annexed.

**Statement**

*Status of Schemes received, No. and Cost of Schemes cleared under ARWSP and amount released under ARWSP-- period* – 1-4-87 *to* 31-10-87

| State/UT | No. of Schemes received | No. of Schemes cleared | Cost of Schemes cleared (Rs. crores) | Amount released (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 5042 | 4282 | 10·80 | 13·63 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0·33 |
| Assam | Nil | Nil | Nil | 7·01 |
| Bihar | 18 | 3 | 1·11 | 14·99 |
| Goa | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0·24 |
| Gujarat | 368 | 356 | 6.16 | 7·87 |
| Haryana | 51 | 51 | 5.52 | 4.02 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 269 | 269 | 9 14 | 4·87 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 112 | 100 | 15·49 | 14·71 |
| Karnataka | 1536 | 291 | 1 68 | 9.71 |
| Kerala | 11 | 8 | 7·52 | 7·71 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 20 | 14 | 5·97 | 17·55 |
| Maharashtra | 207 | 8 | 4 43 | 14.98 |
| Manipur | 42 | Nil | Nil | 1 58 |
| Meghalaya | 57 | 41 | 1·64 | 2·15 |
| Mizoram | 3 | 1 | 0·40 | 0·35 |
| Nagaland | 18 | Nil | Nil | 3·27 |
| Orissa | 1551 | 1544 | 13·64 | 9·90 |
| Purjab | 34 | 34 | 4·50 | 3·98 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rajasthan | 51 | Nil | Nil | 13·76 |
| Sikkim | 5 | 5 | 0·98 | 2·88 |
| Tamil Nadu | 814 | 762 | 12·40 | 11·96 |
| Tripura | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1·79 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 144 | 83 | 15·78 | 27·50 |
| West Bengal | 14 | Nil | Nil | 6·12 |
| D & N Haveli | Nil | Nil | Nil | .. |
| A & N Islands | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0·30 |
| Lakshadweep | Nil | Nil | Nil | .. |
| Pondicherry | 11 | 5 | 0·12 | 0·20 |
| Delhi | Nil | Nil | Nil | .. |

**Central assistance for drinking water in Andhra Pradesh**

2087. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Central assistance requested by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for drinking water supply schemes for the last three years and the amount sanctioned, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give more financial assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for drinking water supply schemes keeping in view of the drought situation there;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Supply of drinking water is the responsibility of the States and since the Fifth Plan period this has been included in the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) of the States Plan. Keeping in view the importance of the Programme and the magnitude of the problem, Central Government is assisting the States under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The amount of Central assistance released for the Drinking Water Supply Schemes in Andhra Pradesh unded ARWSP during the last 3 years is as follows:—

(in crores)

| Year | Amount released |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 15.81 |
| 1986-87 | 17.60 |
| 1987-88 | 13.63* (as on 25-11-87) |

*This is against an allocation of Rs. 24.21 crores for the year 1987-88.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have approved the following ceiling of expenditure for Drinking Water Supply Schemes to be incurred during 1987-88 in connection with relief of distress caused by drought.